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Mayor Mike Savage speaks to members of the media in the Transportation and Public Works complex in Burnside on Monday. The municipality has announced it will now be offering winter-parking-ban notifications via phone and email. **Story, page 3. JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Bite taken out of crime

Halifax police say the crime rate in HRM has declined by 10 per cent from last year **PAGE 8**

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Naked Chef to the rescue

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Residents call for end to water talks

Community concern. Local developer promises to put aside land for public use

Sally Ravindra says she is tired of repeating herself.

"The people have spoken, spoken and spoken against water and sewer development," the 72-year-old said during a community meeting in Spryfield Monday night.

"Why are we continuing with this?"

Ravindra, and other members of the Purcell's Cove Neighbourhood Committee, presented concerns about possible water and septic development to a room of over 100 residents and municipal staff.

The steering committee for the HRM's feasibility study on bringing water and sewer into the area hosted the meeting.

Other residents said they are worried development may

worsen traffic, make homeowners carry the expenses, or damage the natural beauty of an area called the Backlands.

"It's a treasure beyond belief," Ravindra said of the wetland area. "I think it's been made quite clear tonight that other development is really problematic."

Michael Hanusiak of Clayton Developments asked the committee to ensure any water pipes going into the ground would support long-term development. He added his company will not make commercial buildings or highrise apartments there, and if development goes ahead density would be four units per acre.

Hanusiak said he's not sure if Clayton areas would infringe upon the Backlands, but supports a secondary survey to examine its environmental importance.

"We plan to put an unprecedented amount of our land into public ownership," Hanusiak said. **HALEY RYAN/METRO**

A future blueprint

Councillor: Development not imminent

Area Coun. Linda Mosher wasn't pleased with residents making booing sounds during presentations, which she said made it a difficult meeting, adding they don't understand that the feasibility study must continue.

"It would be not prudent to stop a study where we've already commissioned the money," she said. "The staff report was very clear that the majority of this area is not a growth area and not intended for services."

Mosher said the study will serve as a future "blueprint" if the area does eventually need water service.



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Tree-lighting fallout

Mayor mulls sponsorship guidelines

Mayor Mike Savage says a local brewery's decision to withdraw sponsorship of city events emphasizes the need for a formal policy.

Oland Brewery, owned by Labatt's, will no longer sponsor the annual tree-lighting ceremony or Alexander Keith's Natal Day event — at least until HRM has set guidelines on corporate sponsorship.

"It's something that I think we all recognize that we need to address in a fulsome way," said Savage. "To have a policy that includes who we accept sponsorship from, and then it's up to the private sector to decide

if it makes sense to them."

A Capital Health promoter reignited the debate last week on the appropriateness

of Oland's sponsorship of Saturday's tree lighting, an event aimed at children.

Oland spokesperson Wade Keller said Monday the company will maintain its contribution to this year's event, but doesn't want to be at the centre of controversy in the future.

"What this illustrates is that there does need to be a policy on sponsorship, and it should touch on more than alcohol," Keller said. "We'd welcome the opportunity to be part of that discussion, and once the city's direction is clear, then we can revisit things."

A draft sponsorship policy has been reviewed by HRM's audit and finance committee, but hasn't come to council yet.

Savage said Oland's decision could possibly accelerate that debate but wouldn't commit to a timeline. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**



Mayor Mike Savage METRO



Sammy the Snow Plow sits in the transportation and public-works yard in Burnside on Monday afternoon. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Parking-ban info sent straight to your inbox

Ready for winter.
Municipality offering phone and email notifications about overnight restrictions



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HRM residents can now get direct email or phone notifications to alert them when the overnight winter parking ban is being enforced.

The municipality announced Monday the City Watch advisory system will be used to tell subscribers when tickets will be issued to cars parked on city streets overnight.

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- Residents can register up to two phone numbers and two email addresses for parking-ban notification by calling 490-7403 or emailing citywatch@halifax.ca.

"We're attempting to make sure everyone clearly understands when the ban is on," said Ken Reashor, HRM's director of transportation and public works. "This really is about safety."

HRM is in the second year of a pilot program under which tickets will not be issued if there are no snow-removal operations underway. Last year, officials relied on traditional

and social media to tell citizens when the ban was being enforced.

The new parking-ban notification option was announced during a broader overview of HRM's preparation for the winter season.

Reashor and Gord Hayward, superintendent of winter works, spelled out the components of the winter-works department, explaining how officials decide when and where to focus snow-removal efforts.

"When the storm hits, there's 3,800 lane kilometres of roads that we're cleaning up," said Hayward. "We have Priority 1 roads ... they'll be cleared within 12 hours. The rest of the P2 streets ... they'll be cleared within 24 hours following the end of the snowstorm."

Reashor said the winter-

works budget has been increased by nearly \$5 million this year, and savings have been found in other areas.

"We've eliminated 15 pieces of equipment, we got some better pricing on performance-based contracts, we've optimized routes," he said. "We've done a number of things that hopefully will give us the ability to perform."

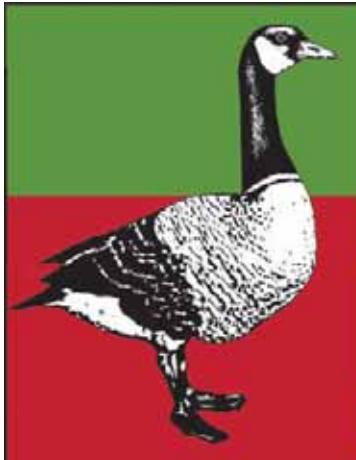
Mayor Mike Savage said the preview of winter-works operations will help residents manage their expectations — and understand their role.

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City must do better job protecting cabbies: Taxi assn. president

Job hazards. Al DesLaurier wants HRM to help finance security cameras in all downtown cabs



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The municipality has a responsibility to better protect the 150 cabbies that frequent downtown Halifax, says the president of the Halifax Taxi Drivers Owners Association.

"Every time a taxi driver is murdered or hurt councillors talk about how they're going to start protecting us," said Al

DesLaurier. "Things haven't changed, not since I've been a driver in 1965."

DesLaurier's comments come in the wake of a 45-year-old Halifax taxi driver being charged with assault after allegedly striking a passenger in the head with a pipe-like object early Saturday morning.

DesLaurier hasn't spoken with the driver and doesn't know the specifics of the incident.

But he's adamant that cabs frequenting the downtown core during late night should be outfitted with security cameras and the city should have a financing program available for drivers who can't immediately pay for one.

"The city has taken all these steps to try to reduce crime by putting cameras all over the city in bars and on every street corner. Put cameras in the cabs like you see in other cities and the violence will go down," he said.

DesLaurier said the violence problem in cabs is another



Taxis wait for passengers on Monday afternoon near the Halifax Shopping Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

example of why the industry should be deregulated, which he argues would give drivers greater control over their livelihoods.

He said since HRM controls fare rates, it's difficult for some drivers to finance security installations in their cars, such as caged dividers.

Kevin Hindle, HRM's regional co-ordinator for licensing standards and taxi and limousine services, said in 2008 the city proposed a program that would see cabbies outfitted with dividers and security cameras.

He said the proposal, which included some govern-

ment funding, was rejected.

DesLaurier said that's because only a small percentage of drivers frequent downtown and therefore don't need extra security measures.

Hindle said he would welcome another proposal from DesLaurier, which he would present to council.

Protection on the job

'I had something with me like a knife'

Al DesLaurier always carried protection when he worked the downtown as a rookie cabbie in 1965.

He doesn't "play" the downtown anymore, but if he did, he says, he certainly would carry a weapon.

"It was a lot rougher then and I had something with me like a knife," he said. "I would do the same if I was a young guy working the downtown now."

The president of the Halifax Taxi Drivers Owners Association said he isn't aware of other drivers who carry weapons. But, he adds, if they did they probably wouldn't tell anyone.

"I know guys carry big flashlights like the police use, but a weapon you keep quiet about it."

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"Taxi drivers are robbed every week in Halifax; I know that for a fact."

Al DesLaurier, president of the Halifax Taxi Drivers Owners Association

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Orphanage. Premier not ready to call inquiry into abuse allegations

Nova Scotia's premier says he's not ready to call a public inquiry into long-standing allegations of physical and sexual abuse at a Halifax orphanage, despite the facility's board saying it's not opposed to one.

Darrell Dexter was reacting Monday to a statement issued by the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, saying the board was disturbed by the allegations being made against several former staff members.

The chairwoman of the board, Sylvia Parris, said if anybody associated with the home has abused children, they should face justice.

"To that end, we have no objection if the Nova Scotia government decides to hold a public inquiry into these serious allegations, so long as it does not impede or delay the prosecution of these serious criminal charges, or the disposition of the civil lawsuits filed against the Home," Parris said in the statement.

Abuse allegations against staff at the home — now a short-term residential facility for children of all races — first surfaced more than a decade ago, but no charges were laid.

Dexter said while his gov-



Premier Darrell Dexter
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ernment isn't ruling an inquiry in or out, it feels the legal process needs to run its course.

In particular, Dexter said there are concerns over whether an inquiry would affect the integrity of the police investigation and the disposition of a class action suit.

"At this point we want to make sure that whatever additional response there is to the due process of law ... that it is appropriate," said Dexter.

The RCMP recently said they are investigating complaints of abuse against former staff members.

Earlier this year, 63 former residents applied for a class-action lawsuit against the home and the provincial government. A certification hearing was held in October.

More than 100 people are now a part of the bid for a class-action lawsuit. A court ruling is expected next June.

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Judge orders recount of municipal-election results

District 3. Votes to be tabulated on Nov. 28



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A Supreme Court judge has ruled that a recount of the municipal election results in District 3 should go ahead.

Justice Kevin Coady accepted former MLA Don Chard's argument the recount should be allowed, even though the application was ostensibly made a day late.

Chard's lawyer argued the 10-day window for recount requests should have started after a review on Oct. 23 that stripped Jackie Barkhouse of an election night victory, handing the win to Bill Karsten.

Coady also said Karsten had not demonstrated that the recount application was contrary to the public interest.

"In this particular situation, we had one decision on Oct. 20 which gave Ms. Barkhouse the lead, that was on recount overturned," said Coady. "The difference right now is under one per cent of the vote. As far as I'm



Bill Karsten speaks to reporters at the Halifax Law Courts Monday morning, after receiving the judges ruling that there will be a judicial recount into his district. JEFF HARPER/METRO

concerned, those are good and sufficient reasons to proceed with a recount."

A visibly emotional Karsten said he respects the judge's decision, but said he's frustrated that District 3 residents remain without elected representation.

"It's so frustrating, knowing that you won," he said. "I have people calling me on a daily basis, looking for help. I've got

probably 35, 40 files on my desk that need my attention, and I have no official capacity to look after it."

Barkhouse said she's pleased the recount will proceed.

"It was a resident that made the decision to pursue this, and in the interest of democracy, the judge obviously believed that a recount was important," she said.

Hand-counted

Justice Kevin Coady will count paper ballots by hand on Nov. 28, and an electronic report will tabulate the phone and online votes.

Truck driver hospitalized after accident on Halifax highway

Debris scattered on a Halifax highway caused a chain of events that ended with a cement truck in the ditch and the driver in hospital.

Halifax Regional Police say the accident happened around 2 p.m. Monday afternoon on the 102 inbound between Kearney Lake Road and Lacewood Drive.

It appears several drivers had to swerve to avoid debris

Road closure

One inbound lane of the highway was closed for several hours Monday evening while the truck was removed from the ditch.

ris on the highway, and the cement truck driver lost control of his truck attempting

to avoid the evasive actions of the other drivers.

The cement truck barreled off the road and tipped on its side, landing in a ditch.

Firefighters had to remove the 52-year-old driver, who was hospitalized with injuries described as serious but non-life-threatening.

No one else was hurt.

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Cape Breton

Young man accused in stabbing has his bail hearing set for Tuesday

A 22-year-old Membertou man is expected to have a bail hearing Tuesday on charges stemming from a weekend stabbing in the community.

William Francis Paul of Veteran's Avenue is charged with aggravated assault and assault with a knife.

He made a brief court appearance Monday and his case was adjourned until Tuesday.

He is being held at the Cape Breton Correctional

Centre pending the outcome of his bail hearing.

At about 4 a.m. Sunday, Cape Breton Regional Police responded to a 911 call at a home on Veteran's Avenue, where they found a man outside an apartment building bleeding from two stab wounds.

Paramedics transported the 30-year-old male victim to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital where he underwent surgery. His condition has been updated from serious to stable condition.

While on remand, Paul has been ordered to have no contact with the victim.

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Kings County

Man killed by tree he was felling

A 52-year-old Kings County man died after he was struck by a tree.

On Monday afternoon, the New Minas RCMP and the Canning Fire Department were called to a report of a sudden death on Weaver Road in Pereau.

The investigation revealed that a male was cutting down a tree on his property when it fell on him unexpectedly. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Police report. Halifax sees close to 10 per cent drop in crime rate

Overall crime in HRM is down almost 10 per cent through the first three quarters of 2012 compared to the same period last year, according to a report released by Halifax police Monday.

Overall crime is down by 9.84 per cent from January through September. Violent crime, which ranges from homicide to assault, is down 13 per cent from last year, from 2,770 to 2,405.

Halifax has five less murders on record through the first nine months, from 15 to 10 in 2012. Attempted homicides are also down 19 per cent and the robbery rate is down by 20 per cent.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said the department's recently introduced compstat program has helped officers identify and better manage certain crime hot spots in the city.

The computer program, he said, will be introduced into the department's east and west divisions soon.

He said the department still struggles, enlisting the help of



Police have seen a big drop in HRM's crime rate so far this year.
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eyewitnesses in serious crime cases.

The document, which was authored by HRM Partners in Policing, shows property crime has fallen by about eight per cent in 2012.

Break and enters have fallen by about 20 per cent. Cases of fraud and stolen motor vehicles cases have also dropped by 11 per cent and 18 per cent respectively.

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

Sgt. Scott MacDonald. Police announce interim public safety officer

Halifax Regional Police announced Monday that Sgt. Scott MacDonald is taking over the role of HRM's public safety officer on an interim basis.

MacDonald replaces Supt. Don Spicer, who officially retired last week after over 34 years in policing. MacDonald has been an officer with HRP for 13 years, and reported to Spicer the past three and a half years while working in the community relations and crime prevention section.

Changing role

Don Spicer is now the Executive Director of Shelter Nova Scotia.

According to HRP Chief Jean-Michel Blais, Spicer is leaving the role having implemented 87 per cent of the 64 recommendations in the 2008 Mayor's Roundtable on Violence Report. METRO

Bank scam

Montreal man now facing 64 charges

More charges have been laid against a Montreal man in relation to an alleged bank scam that happened in HRM.

Wade Lance Day, 54, is now facing 64 fraud-related charges stemming from a case where police say fake IDs were used to apply for bank accounts. Police first learned of the scams Oct. 22 and three days later Day was arrested and charged on 27 fraud counts. Thirty-seven new charges were added Monday, including signing forged documents and identity theft. METRO

Fake employment ads

Fraud scam targets university students

Police in Halifax are warning university students about a scam making the rounds. The scam involves employment ads on student websites for an overseas company. Police say the company issues fraudulent cheques and then asks students to transfer over money to them from their personal account. Students at all three universities are being targeted, and police are advising that they be suspicious of any calls or emails asking for money from a business that may not seem legitimate. METRO



Another one bites the dust in Queens Landing project

Workers tear down the former Bioscience Enterprise Centre building on the Halifax Waterfront on Monday as part of the ongoing Queens Landing project. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Vandalized field may get free fix

Hillside Park Elementary School. Landscaper offers to repair school playground field without charge



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Daren Tracey says he can't imagine what school would have been like if he didn't have a place to play.

So when he heard about the playground field being vandalized at Hillside Park Elementary School in Lower

Sackville, Tracey says he knew he had to help.

"I don't like seeing that stuff," he said. "I just shook my head when I read about it."

His company, Tracey Landscaping Ltd., is offering to repair the damage and hydro seed the area for free in the spring.

"I knew it was something we could help fix," Tracey said.

As Metro reported last week, a vehicle drove onto the field, tearing the grass and leaving deep ruts in the ground.

Tracey adds while he doesn't have a connection to Hillside Park, he would have helped any school in the

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The estimated value Tracey Landscaping Ltd. puts on its free service for the school.

same situation.

"HRM is HRM," he said, "It could have been Bedford or Halifax."

Halifax Regional School Board spokesman Doug Hadley says there are a few more steps Tracey must complete before his plan is approved.

School fields and playgrounds are owned by HRM. If a landscaper wants to help,

Hadley says they can contact the operations department of the school board, who would then present their offer to the city.

"I'm sure people would entertain the conversation, because ultimately we want what's best for the kids," Hadley said.

Tracey has already reached out to Hillside Park's principal Karla Wolfe, who says she is happy to have the free service offered, but is waiting for the proper steps to be taken.

The city has already offered to smooth over the field in the spring and put topsoil down, while the school board will put up a fence, Hadley added.

Cops still searching after Dartmouth murder

A year after her body was found, police are still investigating the murder of 27-year-old Christina Kathleen Cline. "This case is very much active," said Const. Pierre Bourdages of Halifax Regional Police.

On Nov. 19, 2011, the body of the Dartmouth woman was found at Shubie Park, in an

area known as Vivian's Way.

A few weeks after her body was discovered, police arrested a 36-year-old man in Halifax and a 25-year-old woman in Dartmouth.

Both were interviewed and released without charges.

At the time, police said they had the grounds to ar-

rest the two people and bring them in for questioning, but said "at the end of the day, we didn't have the information we needed to lay charges."

Bourdages said the investigation into the case is "very time-consuming."

"There's a lot of work being done on this," he said.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

One year later...

Police are asking anyone who may have seen or heard anything suspicious on Nov. 19 at Shubie Park to contact investigators at 490-5333.

Letter to city calls for Skye Halifax to be scrapped



The proposed Skye Halifax development. CONTRIBUTED

Crunch time.

Architects' letter says proposed downtown megaproject violates spirit of city's popularly supported plans



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Several city architects have put their name on a 40-signature letter that was submitted to Halifax regional council Sunday, calling for the Skye Halifax proposal to be scrapped.

On Tuesday, the new council will vote on a report from HRM's Design Review committee recommending against amending current planning policies to allow the construction of the towering apartment complexes.

A vote in favour of the recommendation would kill the controversial project in its current form, while a vote against would put the matter to a public-consultation process.

The five-page letter centres on eight points rooted in the same argument: the towering project aimed at downtown Halifax flies in the face of several of the city's democratically authored plans, such as the regional plan, HRMbyDesign and the downtown Halifax plan.

"From this informed perspective we see the plan

Quoted

"We urge you to not proceed with a first reading of the plan amendments sought by United Gulf for Skye Halifax."

Letter addressed to Halifax regional council

amendment application for Skye Halifax as a very dangerous Trojan Horse," states the letter.

Among the signatures are Andy Fillmore of the Dalhousie University School of Planning and Architecture as well as a number of architects, including Andy Lynch, David Garrett, Hugh Davison and Jack Diamond, along with Paul MacKinnon, executive director of Downtown Halifax Business Commission.

According to HRMbyDesign rules, the maximum height permitted for the Granville Street site is 66 metres. The proposed towers shatter that at 172 metres.

The letter urges council to follow current development plans, which will maintain the historic character of the city as well as encourage sustainable development.

"We strongly urge you to have confidence in the plan on whom so many worked so hard, and to express clear leadership on this issue by putting an end to the misguided Skye application," the letter reads.

Municipalities

More time given to improve water standards

Nova Scotia municipalities would be given more time to meet drinking and wastewater standards under legislative changes tabled Monday.

Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau says the changes to the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act would

push back target dates to improve drinking and wastewater requirements.

Municipalities had until 2008 to upgrade their drinking water, but they would have until 2020 to meet this year's standards under the new legislation.

Upgrades to waste water treatment would be pushed back to 2017 from 2012.

Belliveau says the new targets are realistic because most municipalities don't have the federal funding necessary to make required upgrades to infrastructure.



Sterling Belliveau
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Department officials say there are no penalties if the municipalities don't meet the new targets.

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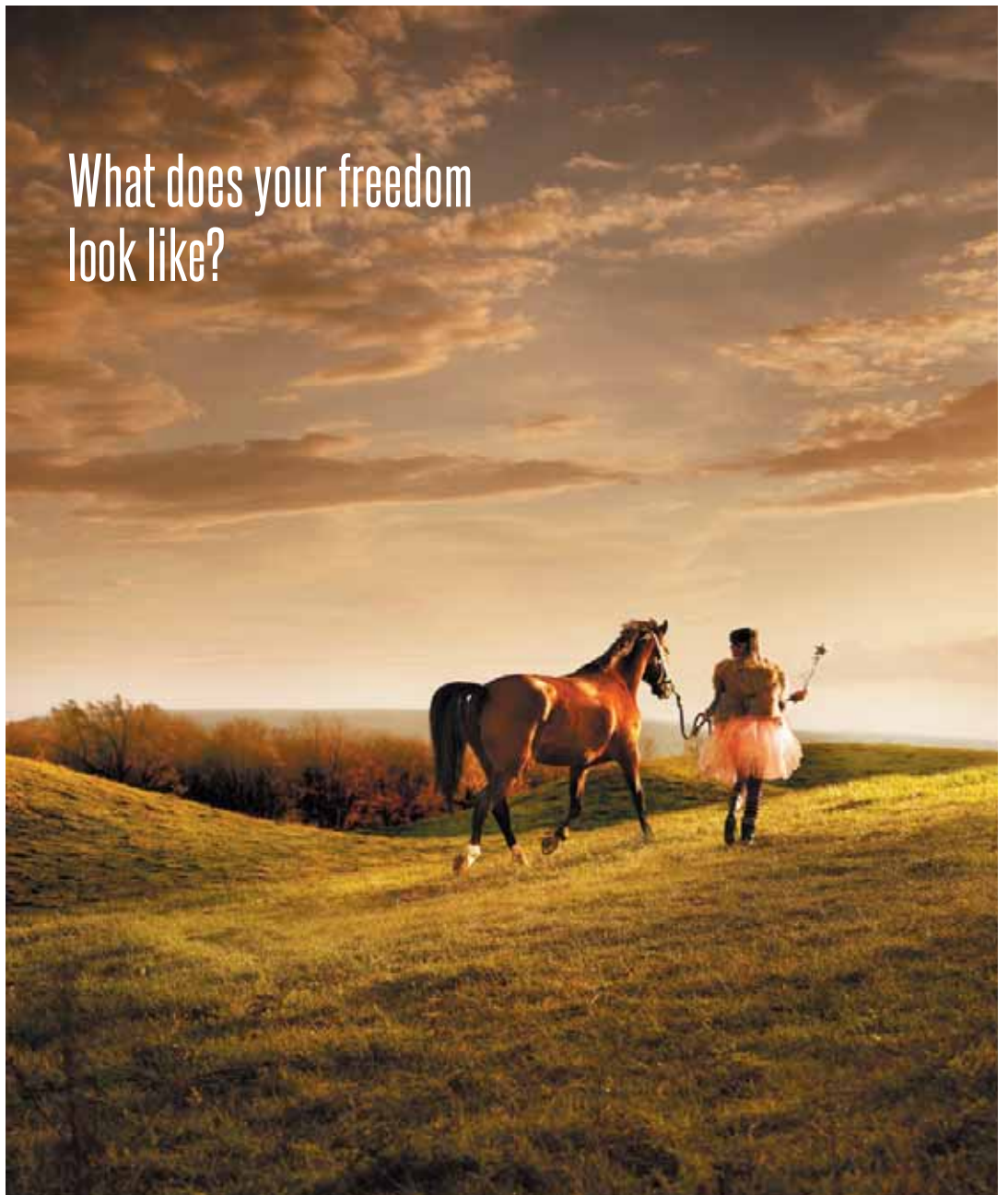
Education

Bible Hill to get new school

Premier Darrell Dexter announced Monday the province will build a new elementary school expected to open in 2014 for Bible Hill.

The new primary-to-Grade 4 facility will replace Bible Hill East Court Road and Bible Hill Central elementary schools, both of which are more than 60 years old. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

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Denied: No Nativity scene, judge rules

'The atheists won.'

Santa Monica city decision to ban all displays upheld as Christian group sues over freedom of speech

A federal judge on Monday denied a Christian group's bid for a preliminary injunction to force suburban Santa Monica to reopen spaces in a city park to private displays, including Christmas nativity scenes.

U.S. District Court Judge Audrey Collins formalized an earlier tentative ruling.

William Becker, the attorney for the Christian group, said he will appeal.

"The atheists won and they will always win unless we get courts to understand how the game is played and this is a game that was played very successfully and they knew it," Becker said after the hearing.

Christmas nativity scenes

Sounds like a holiday flick

"Our goal is to preserve the tradition in Santa Monica and to keep Christmas alive."

William Becker, attorney for the Christian group fighting to keep nativity scenes in Santa Monica, nicknamed the City of the Christmas Story.

had been erected in Palisades Park for decades. Last year, atheists overwhelmed the city's auction process for display sites, winning most of the slots and triggering a bitter dispute.

City officials snuffed the city's tradition this year rather than play referee, prompting churches to sue over freedom of speech claims.

"It's a sad, sad commentary on the attitudes of the day that a nearly 60-year-old Christmas tradition is now having to hunt for a home," Hunter Jameson, head of the non-profit Santa Monica Nativity Scene Committee, said in advance of the hearing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



In this photo from last year's Christmas season, a woman walks past traditional displays showing the Nativity in Santa Monica, Calif.

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A display set up by avowed atheist Damon Vix in Palisades Park picturing Poseidon, Jesus, Santa Claus and the devil. SCOTT HEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Science. Chimps may get midlife crisis too, researchers conclude

Chimpanzees in a midlife crisis? It sounds like a setup for a joke.

But there it is, in the title of a report published Monday in a scientific journal: Evidence for a midlife crisis in great apes.

So what do these apes do? Buy Ferraris? Leave their mates for some cute young bonobos?

Uh, no.

"I believe no ape has ever purchased a sports car," said Andrew Oswald, an author of the study. But researchers report that captive chimps and orangutans do show the same low ebb in emotional well-being at midlife that some studies find in people.

That suggests the human tendency toward midlife discontent may have been passed on through evolution, rather than resulting just from the hassles of modern life, said Oswald, a professor of economics who presented his work Monday.

Yes, apes do have social lives, so "it could still be something human-like that

The happiness curve

Several studies have concluded that happiness in humans tends to follow a certain course between 20 and 70.

- It starts high, declines to reach a low point in the late 40s, then turns around and rises to another peak at 70. On a graph, that's a U-shaped pattern.
- Some researchers question whether that trend is real, but to Oswald the mystery is what causes it.

- "This is one of the great patterns of human life. We're all going to slide along this U for good or ill," he said. "So what explains it?"

we share with our social cousins," he said. "But our result does seem to push away the likelihood that it's dominantly something to do with human life."

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Religious festival

At least 14 dead, several injured after Indian stampede

At least 14 people were killed, including at least six children, in a stampede Monday night during a religious festival in the eastern state of Bihar, police said.

The stampede occurred as

hundreds of Hindu worshippers gathered along the bank of the Ganges River in Patna to offer prayers to the sun god during the Chhath festival, according to police Superintendent Jayant Kant.

A power outage sparked panic as crowds filled a walkway leading from the riverbank into the Ganges, and people trampled one another as they fought to get to shore. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Abortion laws

Irish form panel to investigate woman's death

Ireland formed an expert panel Monday to investigate why an Indian woman died in an Irish hospital — and whether her life might have been saved had she received an abortion.

The case of Savita Halappanavar has focused worldwide attention on Ireland's two-decade failure to define when abortions can be performed legally to save the life of a woman.

The 31-year-old dentist died Oct. 28. Her widower says they asked for an abortion for three days to ease her pain but were refused because the fetus still had a heartbeat. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Vote of confidence

EU endorses new Syrian coalition

The newly formed Syrian opposition coalition received backing from the European Union on Monday in a significant vote of confidence for a movement struggling to prove its credibility and gain the trust of splintered factions.

The endorsement of the coalition as a legitimate voice for Syria's people represents a major step forward in the West's acceptance of the group, even as fast-moving events and fluid alliances are casting doubts on the direction of the rebellion.

"The EU considers them legitimate representatives of the aspirations of the Syrian people," the bloc's 27 ministers said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Palestinian casualties continue to rise from Israeli missile strikes

Gaza strife. Hamas and Israel presenting ceasefire conditions to Egypt as diplomats worldwide join in to help broker peace

Israeli aircraft struck crowded areas in the Gaza Strip and killed a senior militant with a missile strike on a media centre Monday, driving up the Palestinian death toll to at least 100, as Israel broadened its targets in the six-day-old offensive meant to quell Hamas rocket fire on Israel.

Escalating its bombing campaign over the weekend, Israel began attacking homes of activists in Hamas, the Islamic militant group that rules Gaza. These attacks have led to a sharp spike in civilian casualties, killing 24 civilians in just under two days and doubling the number of civilians killed in the conflict, a Gaza health official said.

The rising toll came as Egyptian-led efforts to mediate a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas got into gear.

While Israel and Hamas were far apart in their demands, both sides said they were open to a diplomatic solution — and prepared for further escalation if that failed.

Casualties

- **Palestinians.** Overall, the offensive that began Wednesday killed at least 100 Palestinians, including 53 civilians, and wounded some 840 people, including 225 children, a Gaza health official said.
- **Israelis.** On the Israeli side, three civilians have died from Palestinian rocket fire, and dozens have been wounded.

The leader of Hamas took a tough stance, rejecting Israel's demands that the militant group stop its rocket fire. Instead, Khaled Mashaal said Israel must meet Hamas' demands for a lifting of the blockade of Gaza.

"We don't accept Israeli conditions because it is the aggressor," he told reporters in Egypt. "We want a ceasefire along with meeting our demands."

An Israeli official said Israel doesn't want a "quick fix" that will result in renewed fighting months down the road. Instead, they want "international guarantees" that Hamas will not rearm or use Egypt's neighbouring Sinai peninsula for militant activity.

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Palestinians carry an injured man after an Israeli strike on a building in Gaza City, Monday. It was the Israeli military's second strike on the building in two days. The Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad says another Israeli strike on a Gaza media centre killed one of its top militant leaders. **BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Modern warfare

Israeli tech experts fending off hackers

A concerted effort of millions of attempts to cripple Israeli websites during the Gaza conflict has failed, Israel's finance minister said Monday, claiming that the only site that was successfully hacked was back up within minutes.

Cyber-security experts said that such hacking attempts have become a new aspect of modern-day warfare and states have to invest in fortifying their virtual defences on a battleground with vague terrain.

Israel regularly fights off hundreds of hacking attempts every day, but nothing on the scale of the recent torrent of attacks.

The online group Anonymous and other protesters have barraged Israel with more than 60 million hacking attempts, according to the finance minister, Yuval Steinitz.

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FBI declassifies docs about Stalin's daughter



Soviet dictator Josef Stalin with his daughter Svetlana Alliluyeva. Newly declassified files show the FBI was gathering details from informants on how Alliluyeva's arrival in the United States was affecting international relations after her high-profile defection in 1967. **COURTESY ICARUS FILMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Newly declassified documents show the FBI kept close tabs on Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's only daughter after her high-profile defection to the United States in 1967, gathering details from informants about how her arrival was affecting international relations.

The documents were released Monday to The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act following Lana Peters' death last year at age 85 in a Wisconsin nursing home. Her defection during the Cold War embarrassed the ruling communists and made her

a bestselling author. Her move was also a public relations coup for the U.S.

When she defected, Peters was known as Svetlana Alliluyeva, but she went by Lana Peters following her 1970 marriage to William Wesley Peters, an apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright. Peters said her defection was partly motivated by the Soviet authorities' poor treatment of her late husband, Brijesh Singh, a prominent figure in the Indian Communist Party.

George Kennan, a key figure in the Cold War and a former

U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, advised the FBI that he and Alliluyeva were concerned Soviet agents would try to contact her, a December 1967 memo reveals. The memo notes that no security arrangements were made for Peters, and no other documents in the file indicate that the KGB ever tracked her down.

Many of the 233 pages released were heavily redacted, with the FBI citing concerns related to foreign policy, revealing confidential sources and releasing medical or other information. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Hoover

In one exchange, a person whose name was redacted wrote to then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, asking that he forward a letter on to "Joe Stalin's daughter."

- **Response.** The file contains Hoover's terse, three-sentence response denying his request, saying the FBI does not forward mail. "I trust you will understand," he wrote.

Premier Redford's sister expensed public for Tory party events: Docs

Lynn Redford. Wildrose party leader Danielle Smith calls for bigger investigation into executives with Alberta's health superboard

Documents show the sister of Alberta Premier Alison Redford used her position as a health-board executive to attend and hold Progressive Conservative party events on the taxpayers' dime.

There was money for liquor, travel, hotels, flowers and bug repellent.

Wildrose Party Leader Danielle Smith, while releasing the documents Monday, said a bigger investigation is needed since Lynn Redford and those who signed off on those expenses remain executives with Alberta's health superboard.

"We've got the same people in positions today who exercised this lack of judgment, and they need to be called to account," Smith told a news conference.

Smith said the case bridges the two scandals of health of-



Alberta Premier Alison Redford speaks to reporters at the Alberta Progressive Conservative convention in Calgary on Nov. 10. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ficials abusing their expense accounts — such as former Edmonton health region chief

financial officer Allaudin Merali — with public institutions delivering government

grant and operating money to the PC party.

"This connects with the

broader story of repeated instances of illegal activity in giving donations to a partisan

political party from taxpayer dollars," said Smith.

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Old news?

Premier Redford, appearing on CTV's political program Power Play, pointed out that the accusations go back to a time when Ralph Klein was premier and she wasn't even an elected MLA yet.

- **Clarification to come.** She suggested the criticism consists of a few "excited allegations" that will be clarified in the next few days.
- **Stand by your sister.** "I have confidence in my sister," she said.
- **FOI.** The Wildrose party obtained the documents under freedom-of-information rules. The papers pertain to Lynn Redford's spending while she was government-relations adviser to the now-defunct Calgary Health Region from 2005 to 2008.

Corruption. Reputed mobster fights to avoid testifying at Quebec inquiry

Quebec's corruption inquiry has heard from police, construction bosses and bureaucrats. Pretty soon, that list could grow to include a suspected Mafia boss.

The lawyer for a reputed member of the Montreal Mafia is trying to get his client out of testifying before the inquiry.

Raynald Desjardins is currently awaiting trial for first-degree murder in the slaying of a former Bonanno crime boss.

Lawyer Marc Labelle says since his client is already await-

ing trial, testifying before the inquiry could hinder his attempt to find an impartial jury.

A lawyer representing the inquiry says it's interested in Desjardins' involvement in a construction firm that specialized in decontamination.

Labelle notes Desjardins' earlier failed attempt to have a subpoena quashed before the Quebec Superior Court received heavy media coverage and he says any testimony before the inquiry would get more attention. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa rejects plea for OxyContin ban

Politics. The federal government will not ban the addictive painkiller, says provinces can control abuse

Quoted

"Banning a generic version of one drug would do little to solve the actual problem."

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq
Pointing out there are "almost 100 authorized drugs" in the same class as OxyContin.

The federal government has rejected provincial pleas to delay or deny approval of the generic form of OxyContin, a highly addictive painkiller that has been widely abused in many small towns and remote First Nations reserves.

Instead, Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says Ottawa will tighten licensing rules so that distributors of oxycodone have to keep better track of where the drug goes. They will now need to report spikes in sales and changes in distribution patterns, in addition to previous responsibilities to report losses and theft.

Aglukkaq is also telling the provinces to use their own power over doctors and pharmacists to crack down on wayward prescriptions.

"Banning a generic version

of one drug would do little to solve the actual problem," Aglukkaq said in a letter to provincial and territorial health ministers. "There are almost 100 authorized drugs in Canada that are in the very same class of drugs as OxyContin."

"Banning all these drugs because they have the potential to be addictive would help dry up the drug supply for addicts, but would lead to pain and suffering for patients who desperately need them."

Ontario Health Minister Deb Matthews has led a public campaign to pressure Ottawa to reject approval of generic oxycodone, saying failure to ban the drug would lead to a flood of the narcotic and a cor-



Prescription pills containing oxycodone and acetaminophen are shown in this June 2012 photo. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

responding surge in addiction.

The generic version is set to win federal approval on Nov. 25, the day the patent expires on Purdue Pharma's OxyContin.

But the federal government has pushed back, saying a ban on the knock-off drug is too simplistic a response to a complex problem of prescription-drug abuse. Ottawa says it does not want to politicize a bureaucratic process that must automatically approve a drug if it is an exact copy of another brand-name drug that has already been approved.

"I do not believe that politicians should pick and choose

which drugs get approved," the minister wrote. "While intentions may be noble in this circumstance, what stops future politicians from caving into public pressure and allowing unproven, unsafe drugs on the market once political pressure starts to mount?"

Aglukkaq also admonished provincial politicians for pumping up the benefits of OxyNeo — Purdue's new brand-name form of oxycodone that some believe is harder for addicts to abuse because it is not as easily crushed or injected.

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Manitoba

Seven survivors of plane crash in stable condition

Seven survivors of a fatal plane crash in northwestern Manitoba were in stable condition in several different hospitals on Monday.

Health officials said the men, who work for Dumas Mine Contracting, were being treated for non-life-threatening injuries in hospi-

itals in The Pas, Thompson, Flin Flon and Winnipeg.

The pilot of the Cessna 208 aircraft was killed when the plane crashed Sunday just a few kilometres from the airstrip near the town of Snow Lake.

The RCMP have not released any names.

"A Cessna 208B, operated by Gogal Air Services Ltd., departed Snow Lake and crashed shortly after departure," Transpart Canada said in a preliminary report.

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Middle-of-the-road hydro pole. How's this for a highway obstacle?

Allegations of corruption aren't the only plague upon Quebec's road construction network these days.

Officials say they are dealing with the puzzling appearance of a utility pole — smack in the middle of a provincial highway east of Montreal.

A photo of the pole, which is in the middle of Highway 251 in the Eastern Townships, appeared in local newspapers today. Locals say it's been there for two months.

The roadway had been moved to avoid a dangerous curb, but Hydro Quebec says it was only advised about the need to move its cables about three weeks ago.

But by then, the roadwork was already done.

A spokeswoman for the utility says a new pole is being installed and the electrical wires and telephone wires should be moved by the end of the week.

The provincial minister in charge of the region assured reporters at an event in Sherbrooke on Monday that



A utility pole stands in the middle of a road in Johnville, Que., on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

proper precautions would be taken to ensure there was adequate signage in the area.

Highway 251 is a 38-kilometre stretch of provincial highway that runs north-south.

The improbable road obstacle has, fortunately, not caused any harm. Quebec provincial police say they've had no reports of accidents despite the bizarre pole placement.

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Hobbit. Producers forced animals to live in unfit conditions: Wranglers

Animal wranglers involved in the making of The Hobbit movie trilogy say the production company is responsible for the deaths of up to 27 animals, largely because they were kept at a farm filled with bluffs, sinkholes and other "death traps."

The American Humane Association, which is overseeing animal welfare on the films, says no animals were harmed during the actual filming. But it also says the wranglers' complaints highlight shortcomings in its oversight system, which monitors film sets but not the

facilities where the animals are housed and trained.

A spokesman for trilogy director Peter Jackson on Monday acknowledged that horses, goats, chickens and one sheep died at the farm near Wellington where about 150 animals were housed for the movies, but he said some of the deaths were from natural causes.

The spokesman, Matt Dravitzki, agreed that the deaths of two horses were avoidable, and said the production company moved quickly to improve conditions after they died. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FARC

Colombian rebels hold their fire as peace talks open

The top negotiator for Colombia's main rebel group announced a unilateral ceasefire on Monday, before heading into peace talks with government counterparts in Havana, Cuba.

Ivan Marquez said the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia would stop all military operations against government starting at midnight Monday and running through Jan. 20. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Religion

Swaziland gets first female Anglican bishop

As the Church of England weighs whether it will allow women to become bishops, the Anglican Church has ordained its first female bishop in Africa.

Ellinah Wamukoya, 61, was consecrated Saturday to serve as the church's bishop in Swaziland, a tiny, impoverished nation surrounded by South Africa that is the continent's last absolute monarchy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Military lobbied for drug testing

Invasion of privacy? Internal documents show army examined dramatic increase in enhanced screening

Quoted

"People have to know, if they're going to take the paycheque and sign on the dotted line and be trusted with these responsibilities, then this is one of the things they'll have to do."

Michael Drapeau, retired colonel and commentator on access to information

National Defence quietly examined the idea of designating more positions within the military as "safety sensitive" in order to catch and punish soldiers for illegal drug use.

Internal documents show the Canadian Army was particularly concerned. Over a four-year period, commanders in charge of troops in

Canada's central and western regions lobbied separately to draw up expanded lists of jobs that would be subject to the enhanced screening.

A spokeswoman for National Defence says the director of military career administration has not made

any changes, and the drug-screening program has not been expanded but is subject to continuing review.

Concern about possible drug use among troops over the last few years extended to the top, where the chief of defence staff, now-retired general

Walt Natynczyk "stated that he is receptive to requests to designate other positions or occupations as safety sensitive," said a Nov. 14, 2011, briefing note, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

The Forces considered expanding the number of jobs subject to enhanced drug screening in 2007, but was halted because it couldn't justify the invasion of privacy.

The military administers blind drug testing on a regular basis, but the system results in no disciplinary action if the results come back positive. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Obama pays his respects in Cambodia on diplomatic tour

U.S. President Barack Obama, right, returns a greeting to Bun Rany, wife of Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, centre, prior to a gala dinner in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Monday. Obama is in Cambodia on the final leg of his three-country tour of Southeast Asia. APICHAIR WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Paula Broadwell THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Petraeus mistress 'devastated'

Paula Broadwell, whose extramarital affair with CIA chief David Petraeus led to his resignation, is telling friends she is devastated by the fallout.

A person close to Broadwell said Sunday she deeply regrets the damage that's been done to her family and everyone else's, and she is trying to repair that and move forward. The friend spoke on

condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

A group of friends and neighbours welcomed Broadwell, her husband, Scott, and their young sons back to their home in Charlotte, N.C., after Broadwell spent more than a week being hounded by media while staying at her brother's home in Washington.

Broadwell is still being investigated by the FBI over classified documents found on her laptop and in her home, which investigators believe the author gathered while researching her biography of Petraeus in Afghanistan. Investigators say many of the documents are old and may no longer be classified despite their labels.

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BCE files new proposal to buy Astral Media

Telecom. After its last pitch was rejected, firm tries to address viewing shares 'from the CRTC's perspective'

BCE Inc. expects that its new proposal to buy Astral Media will address the federal regulator's concern about the telecom giant dominating the television market.

Bell's chief regulatory officer Mirko Bibic wouldn't comment Monday on the possible sale of any radio or TV assets owned by Montreal's Astral to make the deal work. But Bibic said the new \$3.38-billion proposal to buy Astral will address the CRTC's concern about market dominance.

"The proposal that we filed today will address the issue of



BCE president and CEO George Cope is shown in this file photo. The company has put together a new proposal to buy Astral Media, after the CRTC turned down its last pitch. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

viewing shares from the CRTC's perspective," Bibic said. "It's putting a package together that addresses the mechanical, numerical threshold the way the CRTC calculates it."

The CRTC killed the deal last month, saying it wasn't in the best interests of Canadians and would have resulted in an

unprecedented level of concentration in the Canadian marketplace. The CRTC said if the multibillion-dollar deal had gone ahead, Bell would have controlled almost 45 per cent of the English TV viewership and almost 35 per cent of the French-language market.

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Camping for Black Friday bargains

Denise Smith-Lad, left, asks her grandson Jordan Smith, 6, what he would like to eat as they camp in front of a Best Buy store in Cockrell Hill, Texas, on Monday. Smith and her family have come early to line up all week for the shopping deals available on Black Friday, the day after U.S. Thanksgiving. LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two-week hearing

As it seeks licence renewals, CBC wants flexibility

The CBC is asking the federal broadcast regulator for more flexibility as it grapples with the new

digital universe.

The strict regulatory shackles of the past don't work in today's fast-moving environment, CBC president Hubert Lacroix told a Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission hearing Monday. For instance, young people

are shunning television sets for computers, a shift that has prompted the CBC to move its children's programming online.

The broadcaster is seeking five-year licence renewals for its various television and radio services. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hostess bankruptcy

Twinkies haven't struck out just yet

Twinkies will live to see another day. Texas-based Hostess Brands Inc. and its second-largest union agreed on Monday to try to resolve their differences after a bankruptcy court judge noted that the parties hadn't gone through the critical step of private mediation. That means the firm, which cited a crippling strike in its move last week to liquidate and sell off its assets in bankruptcy court, won't go out of business just yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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VIGILANTISM AND JERK-SHAMING ON THE WEB



SHE SAYS...
Jessica Napier
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One of the best things about the Internet is also one of the worst: anonymity. Sadly, much of the web has become a place for inconspicuous individuals to hurl racist/homophobic/mis-

ogynistic statements into the ether without any regard for what the consequences might be once they step away from the keyboard.

But as younger generations care less and less about privacy, the barriers between real-life identities and our online selves are eroding and it's becoming harder to hide behind the veil of assumed anonymity. As a result, waves of new digital vigilantes are working to expose online trolls and make them accountable for their vitriol-spewing.

What not to say online

Internet users have re-appropriated the word faggot as a casual insult and use it with thoughtless abandon.

Earlier this month, a Canadian man created a You Hate Faggots Tumblr page in response to the proliferation of homophobic language on the web. "The hatred is rampant and in most cases the people don't even know what they're doing or saying is wrong," he says. "Faggot as a pejorative has become

about as common as 'your mama' jokes." Internet users have re-appropriated the word faggot as a casual insult and use it with thoughtless abandon.

The creator behind You Hate Faggots publishes ignorant tweeters' names and photos alongside his own snarky commentary to highlight the decontextualization of the word. "By using parody to illustrate the wrongness in using the term incorrectly, I want to show that there is a relationship between faggot and gay, whether the user understands it or not," he says.

South of the border, the writers at Jezebel took web justice into their own hands by broadcasting a list of teenage Twitter users' contact information and hometowns alongside their racist rants regarding the presidential election. Taking the crusade one step further, the blog then outed the opinionated high school students to their principals and administrators.

Some criticized Jezebel's actions as a form of cyber-bullying (these were minors after all) while others praised the blog for making young people understand that online bigotry, however offhanded it might be, can have tangible repercussions.

For the creator of You Hate Faggots, naming and shaming prejudiced Internet users isn't about ruining lives, but exposing the issues. "The intentions are not to troll," he says, "the objective has always been to create awareness."

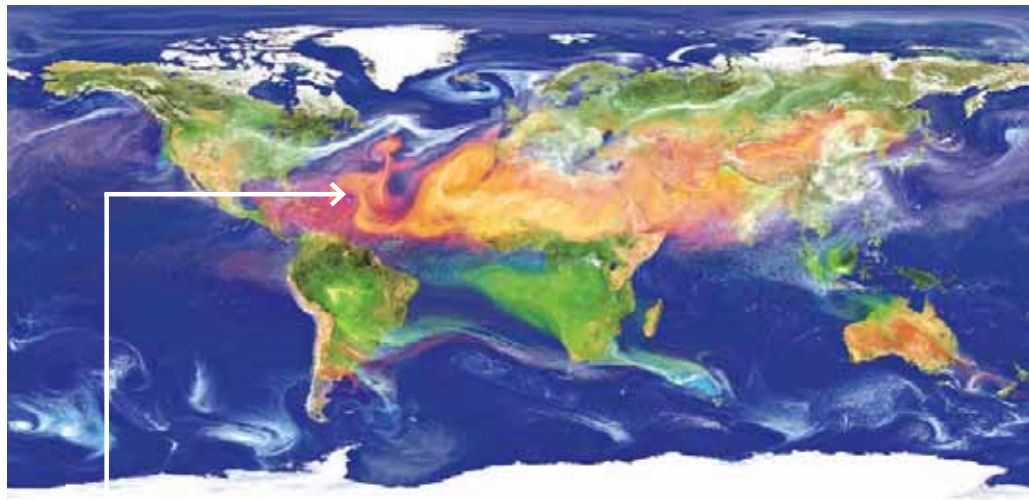
Call it what you will — the naive indiscretions of youth or deep-seated intolerance — but if you are old enough to own a cellphone and arrogant enough to share hateful opinions from an account boasting your real identity, I'm not going to feel too sorry for you if it comes back to haunt you when you start applying for colleges or begin looking for a job.

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Sites such as You Hate Faggots and Jezebel publicly shame homophobes and racists. METRO

Something is in the air



WILLIAM PUTMAN/NASA/GODDARD

Earth photography

Earth's swirling gases revealed

This astonishing image from a NASA supercomputer highlights the presence of aerosols in the Earth's atmosphere.

The Goddard Earth Observing System Model ver-

sion 5 (GEOS-5) can show worldwide weather at up to 3.5-kilometre resolution (pictured: 10-kilometre) as part of climate-science research.

The image processing takes place in Greenbelt, Md., at the NASA Center for Climate Simulation at Goddard Space Flight Center.

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How an image is created

Facts on the supercomputer that generated the image:

- **Supercomputer's superpower.** The Discover supercomputer is located at NASA's Center for Climate Simulation. It totals nearly 15,000 processors with a peak performance of nearly 160 trillion operations per second. That's 900 times the speed of the standard Intel Core processor in

your PC.

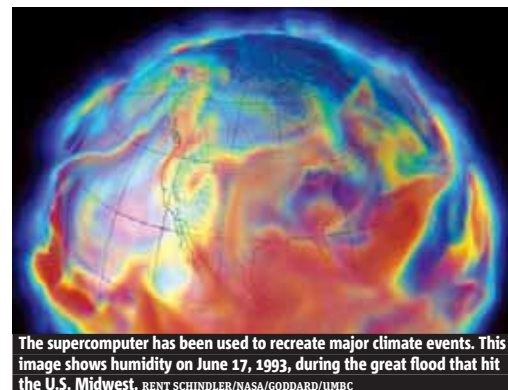
- **Time-scale projections.** Discover-hosted simulations span time scales from days to seasons and years to decades and centuries.
- **Weather year predicted.** NASA scientists hope the imaging techniques will allow them to project weather and climatological forecasts well into the future — as far as the year 2100.

Element guide

The aerosol patterns by colour:

- **Red.** Dust that has risen from the Earth's surface.
- **Blue.** Sea-salt swirls seen inside cyclones.

- **Green.** Smoke rising from fires.
- **White.** Sulphate particles from volcanoes and fossil-fuel emissions.
- **Website:** For the latest on NASA's many endeavours, visit nasa.gov.



The supercomputer has been used to recreate major climate events. This image shows humidity on June 17, 1993, during the great flood that hit the U.S. Midwest. RENT SCHINDLER/NASA/GODDARD/UMBC



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@kathleen_nora: Dear halifax shopping centre: why are you blasting xmas music on november 19th? Just stop. Please. #itsnotvendecember

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@fmlsux: The Halifax Rainmen who were in

the Parade of Lights sure seemed eager to be participating. #SarcasticParadeReflections

@baconandbaileys: Anyone have a suggestion for a fun Sunday afternoon staff Christmas party that isn't booze centric? #Halifax

@alphamachina: Just drove through the set of Canada's Worst Driver LOL! Oh wait nvm that was just Down-town #Halifax. #morons

DVD review



The Expendables 2

Director. Simon West

Stars. Sylvester Stallone, Liam Hemsworth, Randy Couture

Stallone's Expendables have all reached the age where they're as likely to reach for the Botox as for the testosterone supplements, and they're not trying very hard to hide it. Especially since the success of their first film proved the enduring popularity of action heroes in their 50s and 60s, all the more so when you cram so much muscle into a single movie. The pumped-up pack has a couple of noteworthy additions (Jean-Claude Van Damme and Chuck Norris) and subtractions (Mickey Rourke and Steve Austin), plus enlarged cameos (Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis) and returning mainstays (Stallone, Jason Statham, Dolph Lundgren, Jet Li, Terry Crews and Randy Couture). There's also the obligatory tough girl, the code-breaking and neck-snapping hottie Maggie (Yu Nan). The plot can be summed up in Barney's answer to his slicing sidekick Lee Christmas (Statham), when he's asked, "What's the plan?" Barney snarls: "Track 'em. Find 'em. Kill 'em." At no point does anybody take any of this seriously, even when the inevitable showdown occurs between Stallone and Van Damme.

PETER HOWELL



Suraj Sharma had never acted before his role in *Life of Pi*. The film opens Wednesday. HANDOUT

Life of why: Actor sets sights on philosophy

From student to star.

Ang Lee isn't just a director, he's a guru. Pi lead Suraj Sharma talks about how Lee changed his life

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

Suraj Sharma is pretty much your average student. He's polite, well-spoken and majoring in philosophy this year. He also just starred in the new epic 3D film by Ang Lee and counts the venerated director as a close friend and teacher. Sharma had never acted before he took on the title role in *Life of Pi* — he was selected out of thousands of non-professional actors auditioning

for the part. Playing a young man adrift at sea, Sharma lost weight, gained weight, befriended a tiger named Richard Parker and learned to fish. Along the way, he tells us, the film changed him into the man he is today.

What path were you on before this movie happened and where do you see things going now?

Before the movie I didn't really know what to do. I was in school and I was, I would say, lost ... Luckily enough (director Ang Lee) picked me up, and took me to Taiwan. Over there, I changed as a person. I realized more about myself, more about everything. Working with Ang changes you, I guess. Before *Pi* I was really a bad student. I didn't do very well in school at all, ever, and I came back and I changed in a

million ways. ... I did surprisingly well in school. I didn't even know how. Suddenly I was getting like 94 per cent and stuff like that and ... now in college I'm doing philosophy, so things really changed.

Did the movie inspire you to choose philosophy?

Oh yeah. I think Ang and Pi got to me. Lying on that board and talking to Ang, you kind of start thinking on those lines, you start thinking about things, because Pi himself is this kid who asks questions like, "What is life?" He is into philosophy of his own kind and Ang himself has a really complex philosophy, which comes through when you talk to him. ... Eventually I want to be a filmmaker, so I guess philosophy will help me in that way.

Some actors in your position might say, "Forget school and do acting full-time."

I don't know about the acting. I don't know whether I want to act professionally much. It's daunting. It's scary and it's different. I want to be a filmmaker. I want to tell stories. ... I love acting now and the life (of an actor) is hard and it's different. I don't know if I'm equipped for it, but I'd like being on set. I think that's the most inspiring part of movies — just being on set. The intensity with which everybody works, 300 people just working, working, working for something maybe even three seconds long. (There are) different skills, different ideas, different backgrounds, everything just comes together and you make something and you make someone's imagination come to life.

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Grant Bowler mum on working with Lohan

Liz & Dick. Actor who portrays Richard Burton in Lifetime movie only 'speaks for himself'

DOROTHY ROBINSON

Metro World News in New York

Look, you can't interview Grant Bowler, the star of the much-publicized Lifetime Original Movie *Liz & Dick*, without asking him about his infamous co-star, Lindsay Lohan.

Well, you can ask — but he won't really answer. "I speak for myself," he says when asked

what it was like to work with Lohan. "Oh, you know. [Heavy sigh] I don't know. It's, well, you know."

No, we don't. Care to elaborate? What about all the attention the film is receiving due to it featuring Lohan's first starring role in five years?

"Yeah, I think at the moment, with the film coming out ... rah, rah, rah," he says, trailing off to dead silence.

Rah, rah, rah, indeed. Luckily, Bowler — who tackles the daunting challenge of portraying famed actor Richard Burton and his tumultuous, iconic love affair with screen siren Elizabeth Taylor — was much more eloquent in talking about his role.

"There are so many downsides to playing a famous actor," he says. "If you're an actor and you play a famous tennis player, you're not going to be compared to them — no one assumes you can play tennis. To play an actor is a treacherous thing to take on. I was concerned about that, and very determined about not doing a poor job representing him. He was a personal icon of mine."

Bowler says he was able to take on Burton "bit by bit ... I bit him off in chunks," he says.

"We covered so much time — 30 years — so I kind of started with the major turning points in their relationship. I looked at archival footage of him being interviewed and

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Liz & Dick premieres Sunday on Lifetime Canada.

watched a lot of movies. But nothing was as informative than him being interviewed and watching them being interviewed together."

OK, but back to Lohan — really this time. "When you tell any story, you want as many people to listen as possible," he tastefully acquiesces about the amount of publicity given to *Liz & Dick* — even though it might not be the best kind of attention. "It's very, very hard telling a story to an empty room."



Liz & Dick has been getting plenty of press because of its infamous leading lady, Lindsay Lohan. HANDOUT



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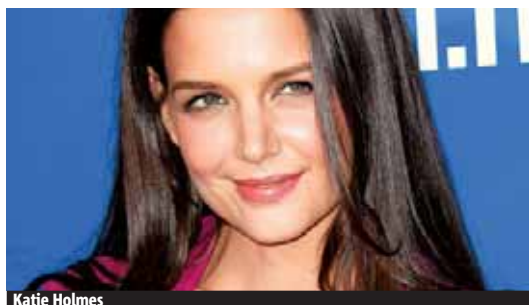


Kate Middleton and Prince William

Is a royal bundle of joy on the way?

A close friend of Prince William and Kate Middleton insists the royal couple is set to announce something big next month, prompting speculation that a baby is on the way. "They're planning to make an announcement in December," Jessica Hay, a former schoolmate of Middleton's and a guest at their wedding, tells *New Idea* magazine, adding that the Duchess of Cambridge has gained a bit of weight

recently and that "William and Kate are focused on starting a family." How focused, exactly? They've apparently already discussed the number of children they want to have — two — and that they'd prefer a son and then a daughter. "It seems very traditional but of course they'll be happy with two boys or two girls. They don't want more," Hay says. "They've discussed it endlessly and don't want to be older parents."



Katie Holmes

One Katie in the kitchen spoils the broth

As an actress and a newly single mom, Katie Holmes has a number of talents, but apparently cooking isn't one of them. "Me in the kitchen is a comedy, but it's heartbreaking for me going through it," she tells *Vogue*. "But

for others, they probably think it's really funny, because all the pans are out and I get frustrated, and suddenly it's burning." We'll assume someone else is handling the holiday meals for Holmes this year.

Second Snow White, sans Sanders



Kristen Stewart

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Kristen Stewart has reportedly signed on to star in the sequel to *Snow White and the Huntsman* — though the second film in the franchise won't be directed by Rupert Sanders, with whom Stewart infamously had an affair this summer, according to *Radar Online*. "The script has already been written and production will begin late next year," a source close to the production says. "However, Rupert Sanders definitely won't be a part of the project. Rupert didn't want to be a part of it to begin with because he is desperately still trying to save his marriage. The search is on for a new director."

Bieber addresses 'haters' with mom at side

Justin Bieber may be newly single, but that didn't mean he had to attend the American Music Awards solo. Instead, the 18-year-old Canadian pop star showed up with his mom, 38-year-old Pattie Mallette. While he made no mention of his split from Selena Gomez, Bieber did address his critics after winning his first award of the night, for favourite pop/rock male artist. "I want to say this is for all the haters who thought I was just here for one of two years," Bieber said from the stage. "I feel like I'm going to be here for a very long time."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Rihanna reveals nothing, journo stalker reveals all

Rihanna's 777 tour — in which she's travelling to seven cities in seven days, with a plane full of fans and journalists — reached London Monday morning, the second to last stop. But there was no sign of the superstar on the plane from Berlin. "Just one quote," chanted desperate reporters, begging Rihanna to appear.

Then things got a little Lord of the Flies. Australian Tim Dormer, a radio presenter at Nova in Sydney, decided if he wasn't going to get a story, he'd become one: After 3 a.m., he suddenly burst from the toilet — completely naked. With his long curls bouncing, he made a



quick tour of economy class wearing nothing but his birthday suit. The audience cheered.

Since Rihanna wasn't around to talk to anyone, we asked the stalker:

What were you thinking?

I was bored. It was three in the morning and we were on a plane and we've been on a

plane for the past five days. I thought it would be fun. And it wasn't an easy task either; I had to dive over people.

Did you plan the whole thing?

No, I was just in the bathroom and thought it would be a fun thing.

How many will see this on YouTube, do you think?

Five maybe? My mom, my dad, my gran, my boss and hopefully Rihanna.

Did you run all the way up to her?

No, I didn't get that far.

How do you find the trip so far?

I'm having the time of my life. I saw her the first day and I see her on stage every night.

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Good morning everyone! Was an early start today! Tired



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"Work is the curse of the drinking class." Oscar Wilde

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LIFE

Jamie Oliver's 15-minute meals

Healthy eating. Forget the microwave and take-out, the celebrity chef talks about how to make a fantastic meal in record time

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You keep reducing the time of your recipe books. Why? People are so time poor. But I promise I won't be doing time again.

But why 15 minutes? Why not 10?

If you want a proper meal fast, 15 minutes is the minimum you can do. It's the hardest book I've ever written because I wanted it to be an everyday cookbook that was healthy, nutritious and fast.

Some of the recipes are a bit fancy. I can't picture students cooking griddled tuna. Who is the book aimed at?

Everyone. From a culinary point of view, the world is a much smaller place. People are much more travelled and more read than they were 15 years ago and the stuff available in supermarkets is more robust. And they still want it fast.

Microwave meals are a pretty quick solution too...

Microwave food has become synonymous with shit food. But there's also a lot of high quality stuff. It's just never going to be amazing.

I tried one of your recipes the other night. The ricotta fritters. I'm a disaster in the kitchen. It ended up looking like a cheese omelette. But it tasted good.

You ended up with an omelette when you were supposed to do fritters. What the



Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver has released a new book to help you in the kitchen. HANDOUT

hell did you do?

I tried to flip them over... and made a mess.

The fritters take about one minute to make and six minutes to cook. I don't know what went wrong ... do what the recipes says and it will work. I wish I could have seen it. I'd put money on the fact you used the wrong sized pan and put them too close together.

What are the biggest mistakes people make in the kitchen?

You don't need 100 knives, just three of the right ones — a chopper, paring and a

bread knife. The book isn't trying to be your best friend. It's like, "You want tasty fast food? Here's the f--king rules. Do what you're told."

After a long and exhausting day at work, do you sometimes think, "F--k this, I'm going to McDonald's."

I don't normally get caught out. Although I'm famous for hating junk food, I'm not anti any kind of food. I've got nothing against a hot dog, a burger or a pizza. It's more about real food. I do the most amazing free-range pig hot dogs with slaw, home made ketchup and buns that's bloody delicious.

But if ever you're in London and want a kebab, there's a place called Kebab Kid on New Kings Road that's delicious.

Would you ever eat at McDonald's?

I haven't eaten a McDonald's in 10 years.

What did you eat?

A Big Mac.

If I offered you a Big Mac right now, would you eat it?

I would. McDonald's are probably the best big fast food operator in Britain. They've done a lot of good work on their beef, their 100 per cent organic milk and free-range



eggs. You can't just beat people up all the time and not pat them on the back for the good stuff they've done.

You have one minute to make a meal; what do you do?

Grab a bit of bread and some lovely ham or cheese.

Five minutes?

Some fettuccine. Use boiling water and it cooks in three minutes. Then add a few simple ingredients to that.

But your next book won't be about time.

Time is a small element of many different emotions to cooking. You can do five minutes work and something can cook for four hours.

So what's next?

100 per cent vegetarian — making massive heroes out of the things that we don't eat enough of. The craft of making vegetables utterly delicious is one that's just not known about enough. At least 65 per cent of my recipes are meat-free, the index is covered in V's, but the feedback I get from vegetarians is, "Yeah, cool, but we'd like our own book please." I've ignored it for years.

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Store-bought pita chips are deep fried, which increases their calories and fat content.

The spices in this recipe add flavour instead of oil. Feel free to substitute spices of your choice. Try a variety of different coloured and flavoured tortillas. The whole wheat version has more fibre and nutrients.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Ingredients

Perp time: 5 minutes
Bake time: 12 minutes

- 3 large flour tortillas
- 3 tbsp finely grated Parmesan cheese
- pinch of salt and pepper
- pinch of paprika
- pinch of garlic powder
- pinch of onion powder

Nutritional analysis

Per serving (about 6 chips)

- 191 calories; 6.5 g protein; 28 g carbohydrates; 2.5 g fibre; 5.6 g total fat; 1.9 g saturated fat; 4 mg cholesterol; 419 mg sodium

Line a large baking sheet (or 2 medium baking sheets) with foil.

2. Slice each tortilla into 8 wedges. Arrange the wedges on the baking sheet, not overlapping. Lightly coat with cooking spray.

3. Combine the Parmesan, salt, pepper, paprika and garlic and onion powders in a small bowl. Sprinkle the seasoning evenly over the tortillas and bake for 12 minutes, or just until lightly browned.

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1. Probiotics

There is growing evidence that probiotics contribute to immunity in a variety of ways. Try new IOGO brand Probio Yogurt for a lactose-free version that is very tasty



2. Catechins

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3. Vitamin D

Canadians won't get strong enough sunshine from now to about April. There's a good dose in caviar; try the Greek dip called taramasalata that uses fish roe to make a yummy dip for your (whole grain) pita.

4. Vitamin E

A potent antioxidant that is best taken from food. Sunflower and pumpkin seeds are good sources.

5. Vitamin C

Still your best go to source for overall immunity. Get as much as you can from fresh fruits, kiwi is particularly high.

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Rest in peace

Farewell to the admirable Mrs. Letitia Baldrige



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Today I would like to pay homage to the late Letitia Baldrige, a dear lady who I've admired for many

years. I've read most of her books and have even had the honour of interviewing her.

Mrs. Baldrige, known as the doyenne of American etiquette, passed away on Oct. 29. She was most known for her time working in the White House during the Kennedy administration as Jacqueline Kennedy's social secretary.

One of my favourite quotes from Mrs. Baldrige, known as Tish to her family and friends, involves her philosophy on life.

"There are major CEO's who do not know how to hold a knife and fork properly, but I don't worry about that as much as the lack of kindness," she said. "There are two generations of people who have not learned how important it is to take time to say, 'I'm sorry' and, 'Please' and, 'Thank you' and how people must relate to one another."

I'm very sad that we have lost this wonderful person, who believed in so many

good things — the most important of them being that she believed in people.

You see, for those of you who follow both my column and philosophy of etiquette, I believe it's all about how we interact with each other that matters. The best thing about etiquette is that it puts us all at ease to know what is expected of others so that we always put our best foot forward.

God bless you, Tish. You are missed already and I will put myself in front of



Mrs. Baldrige sits to the right of then U.S. first lady Laura Bush. GETTY IMAGE

How to avoid an office dating disaster

Delicate matter. Try to foresee the fallout and do the relevant research prior to announcing any new work relationship

JULIA WEST

Metro World News in Philadelphia

Though the latest news scandal involves high-ranking officials, keep in mind that the broad strokes of the Gen. Petraeus affair are not unlike typical office

flings. Even if your transgressions won't make headlines, romance at work can be a dicey move if not properly handled. Learn to manage this delicate situation — because even if you can't resist taking your chances with the cutie in accounting, you can minimize the fallout. Before announcing your new beau, research your company's policy on the matter. "Don't date anyone at work if your employment contract forbids it. Your job will clearly be on the line with such a violation," says author Wendy Walsh, a contributor to Dating-advice.com.

If you do move forward, think about what the end of the relationship might be like. Nancy A. Shenker, co-author of Don't Hook Up With the Dude in the Next Cube, says, "Think about what will happen after a breakup. It's hard enough seeing an ex on Facebook — how will it feel to see him or her in person every day?"

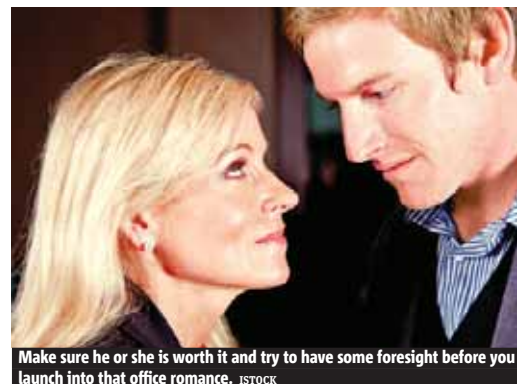
If you're an employer who notices an office affair, know how to approach it. "Have a policy," suggests Todd Ewan, a partner at Fisher & Phillips law firm, which represents management in workplace disputes. "The employer will

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"Don't date anyone at work if your employment contract forbids it."

Author Wendy Walsh.

need to determine what it is willing to tolerate and not willing to tolerate. As a base point, most employers do not want to let a relationship exist between two employees if one of the employees has direct managerial responsibility for the other."



Make sure he or she is worth it and try to have some foresight before you launch into that office romance. ISTOCK



Employers probably still want you to be clean and reasonably well-groomed.
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Branding yourself: What do employers really want?

Alison on Money. What are companies looking for when they're searching out the best and brightest young workers?



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Last week, I read a fascinating article about big corporations such as Telus and SNC Lavalin moving all or part of their head offices to downtown Toronto in order to attract the best and the brightest to their company.

However, it is considerably more expensive than locating in the suburbs.

So what is the reason for this trend? The answer is all about demographic culture.

Youth today is different than it was a generation

or two ago, just as employment is different.

Many of our parents worked at the same job their entire lives. This isn't likely to be very common in the future.

Increasingly, under-40 employees don't want to spend their lives commuting and they desire a vibrant, downtown lifestyle. They're also the first generation since Henry Ford that isn't wedded to the automobile.

These changes got me thinking about what companies are looking for when they're searching out the best and brightest, because it has a big impact on how younger workers should present and educate themselves over the course of their careers.

Here's a peek at the corporate wish list.

1. Traditional virtues still hold

Your style may be to look like a tattooed, studded

wolverine, but employers still want you to be a clean and reasonably well-groomed tattooed, studded wolverine.

Also promptness, politeness, the ability to converse and demonstrate a modicum of organizational skills are still important qualities.

2. Technology

You don't need to be a computer expert unless you intend to run the IT department, but you do need to be competent enough to make connections between the newest technology and your company.

3. Networking

Companies increasingly value the networks that employees bring with them.

Networks add tangible value by giving the company access to resources, people and ideas.

4. Language

By 2031 Statistics Canada

In numbers

47%

The number of second generation Canadians who will belong to a visible minority by 2031.

projects that over a quarter of Canadians will be foreign born with visible minorities comprising 63 per cent in Toronto, 59 in Vancouver and 31 per cent in Montreal.

Knowledge of other languages and cultures is highly desirable.

Knowing what companies want and educating yourself accordingly raises the odds of being considered among the best and the brightest in the coming downtown corporate culture.

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Selig signs off on Jays-Marlins trade

MLB. Naming new skipper is next up on Toronto GM Anthopoulos's to-do list

The Blue Jays, flush with the knowledge that Major League Baseball has OK'd the club's controversial trade with Miami, are poised to name their new manager.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig approved the 12-player Jays-Marlins trade on Monday after a longer-than-usual review. Jays fans — relieved by the news and excited about the loaded, revamped lineup — can now turn their attention to the managerial hiring. GM Alex Anthopoulos, the talk of the baseball world and the Toronto sports scene, even during Grey Cup week, has been hinting that an announcement is near — perhaps as early as Tuesday, when Anthopoulos has a press conference scheduled to discuss the Marlins deal.

It's also possible that the managerial decision will happen closer to baseball's winter meetings, which start Dec. 1 in Nashville, to steer clear of Grey Cup week.

Interestingly, word out of Boston, where John Farrell is now posted in his dream job as manager, is that the Red Sox could have made a similar deal with the Marlins, but elected not to.

Selig took a week to approve the deal — sending



New Blue Jays pitchers Josh Johnson and Mark Buehrle watch a game against the Yankees on April 1 in Miami.
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Cabrera deal made official

On Monday, the Blue Jays signed free agent left-fielder Melky Cabrera. The 28-year-old was leading the National League in hitting at .346 for the San Francisco Giants when he was suspended Aug. 15 for a positive testosterone test. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Josh Johnson, Mark Buehrle, Jose Reyes, John Buck and Emilio Bonifacio to the Jays for Yunel Escobar, Henderson Alvarez, Adeiny Hechavarria, Jeff Mathis and three top prospects.

Marlins fans believed Reyes and Buehrle were signed last winter to revitalize the team as a playoff contender as the franchise moved into a new ballpark — built in part with a multimillion-dollar Miami tax fund that Selig pushed for.

Instead, the Marlins, having already dealt former batting champion Hanley Ramirez and ex-closer Heath Bell during the season, dumped \$163.75 million in guaranteed salary through 2018.

"It is my conclusion that this transaction, involving established major leaguers and highly regarded young players and prospects, represents the exercise of plausible baseball

judgment on the part of both clubs, does not violate any express rule of Major League Baseball and does not otherwise warrant the exercise of any of my powers to prevent its completion," Selig said in a statement.

"I am sensitive to the concerns of the fans of Miami regarding this trade, and I understand the reactions I have heard. Baseball is a social institution with important social responsibilities, and I fully understand that the Miami community has done its part to put the Marlins into a position to succeed with a beautiful new Marlins Park."

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MLS

Beckham's time with Galaxy coming to an end

David Beckham will play his final game for the Los Angeles Galaxy in the MLS Cup next month.

Beckham and the Galaxy announced the midfielder's decision Monday, a day after the defending MLS champions advanced to their second straight league final. Los Angeles faces Houston on Dec. 1.

Beckham isn't retiring, but the superstar gave no hint of his next move.

"I've had an incredibly special time playing for the L.A. Galaxy," Beckham said in a statement. "However, I wanted to experience one last challenge before the end of my playing career. I don't see this as the end of my relationship with the league, as my ambition is to be part of the ownership structure in the future."

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NFL

Source says Pats' Gronkowski out 4-6 weeks

No more end-zone spikes for a while from Rob Gronkowski.

A person familiar with the process said Monday the New England Patriots tight end expects to be sidelined for four to six weeks after having surgery for a broken left forearm. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because there was no official announcement. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NFL

Saints' Brees to pledge \$1M to Sandy recovery

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees says he is donating \$1 million to Superstorm Sandy relief efforts. Brees told CBS's Person to Person in an interview to air Friday that the donation will come through the Dream Foundation he runs with his wife, Brittany. He did not say who will be receiving the donation.

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Saints quarterback Drew Brees
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CFL

Weighty wager for Grey Cup mayors

The Argonauts and the Stampeders aren't the only ones with bragging rights on the line in the upcoming Grey Cup championship.

The mayors of Toronto and Calgary — the two teams' respective hometowns — are also getting in on the action.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi proposed a friendly wager that would see the losing city's mayor donating his weight in food to the winning city's food bank.

The loser would also wear the winning team's jersey for a council meeting. Nenshi issued the challenge to Toronto Mayor Rob Ford on Twitter. Hours later, Ford tweeted acceptance, adding the Calgary mayor would "look great in Argo blue!"

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NHL requests complete proposal from NHLPA

The NHL is looking to see everything put in writing.

With frustration building and the lockout dragging, the league met with the NHL Players' Association on Monday night and requested that the union put all of its desires for the next collective bargaining agreement together into one complete offer.

"It's our position that we've made a couple comprehensive proposals in a row," said deputy commissioner Bill Daly. "We'd like to know where they are on all of the issues. We asked that they put together a comprehensive proposal for us to consider."

The sides have been unable to agree on proposed changes to player contract rights and

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"I don't really know what to expect."

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly after the league asked the NHLPA to table a full proposal

how to share revenue, and will also need to sort out how they pay for the damage of a lockout. While they've exchanged ideas verbally in recent weeks, the league doesn't feel as though it has a complete picture of where the players stand.

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, said he would take the league's request into consideration and make contact again on Tuesday morning. He thinks "it's more

likely than not" the sides will then meet for a second straight day.

However, it remains to be seen whether the union is ready to table a full proposal.

"We asked. I certainly hope it's something they'll consider. I think that's something they're deliberating on," said Daly.

Fehr and commissioner Gary Bettman discussed the possibility of taking a break from talks last week, but Fehr thought it would be best if the sides continued to meet.

After initiating Monday's session, the union didn't arrive with a new offer. Instead, Fehr was hoping to engage the league in a discussion on core economics and player contract issues. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



49ers give Bears a beatdown

Chicago Bears quarterback Jason Campbell is sacked by Aldon Smith and Justin Smith, right, of the 49ers on Monday night at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. QB Colin Kaepernick passed for 243 yards and two touchdowns in his first career start in place of the injured Alex Smith, as the 49ers whipped the Bears 32-7 in a highly touted NFC showdown that hardly lived up to the hype. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

Coach Reid won't quit Eagles' job

NFL. Philadelphia's poor record may spell the end of Reid's 14-year reign

Andy Reid isn't quitting his job.

The Philadelphia Eagles have sunk so low that people are wondering if Reid will simply step down instead of waiting to be fired.

"I think that'd be a cop-out," Reid said Monday when asked about resigning. "That's not how I see things. That's not the way I'm wired. We're going to keep battling and do it as a team. I'm not going to tell the guys one thing and then do the other."

As the losses pile up and get worse each week, Reid has run out of explanations. The Eagles (3-7) have dropped six in a row. Even worse, they're no longer competitive.

A 31-6 whipping by the Washington Redskins wasn't as close as the 25-point difference indicated.

After a 3-1 start, the Eagles have completely fallen apart. It started with a



Philadelphia Eagles head coach Andy Reid walks off after speaking at a news conference at the team's practice complex Monday in Philadelphia. The Eagles' poor performance has put Reid's job in jeopardy. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

two-point loss at Pittsburgh on Oct. 7. A three-point overtime loss to Detroit followed. That was the closest Philadelphia would come to victory. The margins in the next three defeats were 13, 15 and 15. Then came the debacle at Washington.

Surely, the Eagles have hit rock bottom.

"Obviously that's not good enough the way that we're playing," Reid said. "I take full responsibility for that. I know we're letting the fans down and the city down."

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Writing on the wall

Reid's future is not even a question anymore.

- Unless the Eagles run the table, win the division and go deep in the playoffs, it's almost certain Reid won't be back for a 15th season in Philadelphia.
- Owner Jeffrey Lurie already said that another 8-8 season would be "unacceptable."

History of Grey Cup part of Canada's cultural fabric

It has been lost, forgotten, stolen, held for ransom, caught up in a compromising position with exotic dancers and even come under attack by the Taliban. Such is the rich and colourful history of the Grey Cup.

The iconic trophy wasn't supposed to honour a football champion. It was originally to be awarded annually to Canada's top senior hockey team, but Sir Montague Allan beat Earl Grey to the punch by issuing the Allan Cup. Grey later donated the trophy to recognize the Canadian rugby football winner. At the time, the Grey Cup was made at a reported cost of \$48. Today, the hallowed trophy's value awarded yearly to the CFL champion is estimated at \$75,000.

To those who compete for it, the Grey Cup isn't about money. It's a 100-year-old trophy that's steeped in tradition and sewn tightly in Canada's cultural fabric. The Calgary Stampeders and Toronto Argonauts will add to that rich



The University of Toronto Seniors, who won the first Grey Cup in 1909, are shown in a 1909 file photo. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

history when they face off in the centennial version of the CFL's title game on Sunday at Toronto's Rogers Centre. Mark DeNobile, the executive director of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, says the Grey Cup has weathered its share of storms over the years based on the shape of the trophy when it returns home to Hamilton.

"Whatever the team does with it while they have it as

Grey Cup champions, we really don't want to know," he said with a chuckle. "A few times, yes, it has come back in rough shape."

The Grey Cup has special significance to the DeNobile family. DeNobile's father, Gino, appeared in seven CFL title games as an offensive lineman with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats from 1956 to 1984, winning twice.

Close call

The Grey Cup has had adventures abroad.

- On July 1, 2008, Mark DeNobile and former CFL players brought the cup to a Canadian Forces base in Kandahar, Afghanistan.
- While there, the base came under attack by the Taliban. DeNobile was on stage with the cup when missiles hit nearby.

After helping the B.C. Lions win the Grey Cup last November, linebacker James Yurichuk took the trophy to new heights. When it was the Brampton, Ont., native's turn to have the cup for a day, he took it via helicopter to the top of a B.C. mountain and had a friend film him victoriously raising the trophy above his head as the sun set behind him. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tears for Toronto. PM cried when Argos lost 1971 Grey Cup

The Toronto Argonauts' stunning loss to the Calgary Stampeders in the 1971 Grey Cup prompted tears in front of the television from the boy who would eventually become Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

But he says he'll be siding with the westerners when the two teams meet again in Toronto on Sunday.

Harper was a 12-year-old growing up in Toronto when the two teams first clashed for the cup in Vancouver, with the Argonauts looking for their first Grey Cup in almost 20 years. The Argos were on the Calgary 11-yard-line with less than three minutes left to play when star running back Leon McQuay slipped on the rain-slicked turf and fumbled. Calgary recovered, couldn't make a first down and punted, but the Toronto receiver accidentally kicked the ball out of bounds, turning it over to the Stampeders to run out the clock.

The McQuay fumble defined the game and the 14-11 Stampeders victory and left young Harper crying.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"We had been waiting for 20 years. I was growing up in Toronto. Obviously the Argonauts were my team." Prime Minister Stephen Harper

"I think that was the only time that I cried in front of the TV at a sports event," Harper said Monday as he answered questions at a Canada-U.S. business forum. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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March 21 - April 20

If what you are doing with your life is not to your liking then change it. The Sun's move into Sagittarius tomorrow will encourage you to head off in a completely new direction. What are you waiting for?

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Even if your money situation is dismal, things will improve dramatically over the next few days so don't despair. An improved outlook might help as well. There are more important things in life to worry about than cash.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The Sun crosses the partnership angle of your chart tomorrow, making it essential that you get along with people on a one-to-one level. Think of everyone you meet as your friend — and you will benefit in remarkable ways.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If there is anything strenuous that needs to be done, you should get it out of the way today because when the Sun moves into the wellbeing area of your chart tomorrow, you probably won't be up to it. Get going.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

By all means, be active but look ahead a few moves as well. It will spare you a lot of setbacks and maybe a few cuts and bruises too. And try to be patient with people who move more slowly than you.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

No matter how fit you may feel right now, the exertions of the past few weeks will catch up with you quite quickly. Plan a few quiet evenings in with loved ones. They will appreciate it — and so will you.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The cosmic picture is beginning to change and by the end of the week you will be getting out and about and meeting new people. Friendships and love affairs are under excellent stars — just don't get them mixed up!

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You have done a lot in recent weeks and can feel proud of yourself, but over the next few days you will have to work even harder to safeguard your gains. The price of success is eternal vigilance.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Clear out all that is old and worthless in your life so there is room for bigger and better things to come in. That applies to people as much as to possessions. Your own needs must come first now.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The next few weeks are going to be of the utmost importance. Think about what you want to be doing from the time of your next birthday for the following 12 months. How can you prepare the ground? Start now.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Positive thinking can take you only so far. At some point you have to move from thinking to doing. The Sun's change of signs tomorrow will show you new ways to get ahead. Hard work must come from you.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It is time to decide, once and for all, what your priorities are going to be. Don't listen to what other people tell you, listen only to your own inner voice. The choices you make now will have long-term consequences. **SALLY BROMPTON**

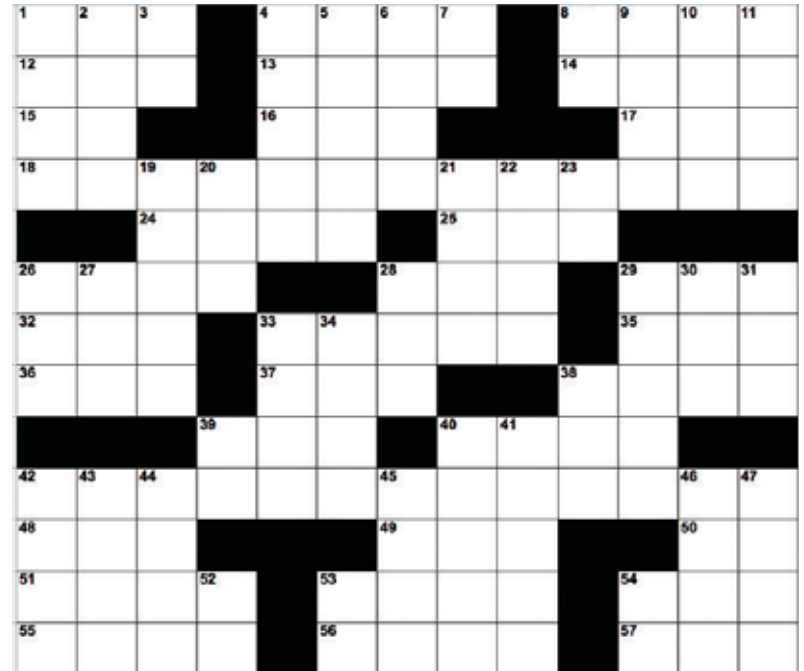
Crossword

Across

- Southern st.
- Rig
- Network Canada
- Light
- British bus
- Erected
- Railway extension
- "Con —"
- Term of endearment
- Drive in the country to see these (2 words)
- Bratty children
- Wager
- Actress — Ward of Once and Again
- Hawaii's Mauna —
- Corner —
- Before
- Talk show host DeGeneres
- Actors Norton and Murphy
- Reply (abbr.)
- Pilfer
- Suit accompaniment
- the season
- Nickel or dime
- 1970's John Ritter sitcom (2 words)
- Exclamation of surprise
- Entourage role
- Apiece (abbr.)
- Angers
- Proofreaders word
- Aries sign
- Skirt edge
- than Perfect
- Vocalized pauses

Down

- Type of market
- To Sir, With Love singer
- Tree chopping tool
- Used on an envelope
- Moran, and others

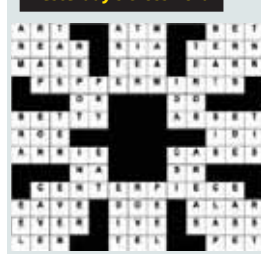


BY BETTY MARTIN

- Copage of Julia
- a Big Girl Now
- Radio dial
- Waikiki island
- Aroma
- Lairs
- Floor coverings
- Thurman of Kill Bill
- Woodwind instrument
- "— on Me"
- Bible pt.
- Health resort
- Eagle
- Law degree (abbr.)
- Actress Davis of Commander in Chief
- Commercials
- Fast jet, of old
- A great lake
- Defeat
- Exclusive area of a nightclub
- Diem
- Centres
- Leave out

- Old House
- Rodent
- Pertman of Cheers
- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button actress Blanchett
- Close by
- Sweet potatoes
- Size before med.
- She played Ellie Bartowski in Chuck (init.)
- Concerning (abbr.)

Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	1	9	3	7	4	5	2	8
8	4	7	9	5	2	3	1	6
3	5	2	6	1	8	9	7	4
9	7	8	5	2	3	6	4	1
2	3	5	4	6	1	7	8	9
4	6	1	7	8	9	2	3	5
1	9	4	2	3	6	8	5	7
7	2	6	8	4	5	1	9	3
5	8	3	1	9	7	4	6	2

	9	3					5	
4					9		8	
5			2		3	6		
	4			7		5		1
7		1		5			9	
		9	4		8			7
	2		7					3
6						8	4	

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